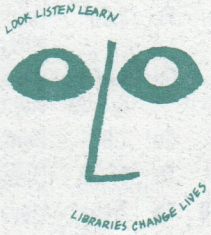
**fo•cus (fō´kəs):** a center of interest and activity March/ April, 1994

# Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

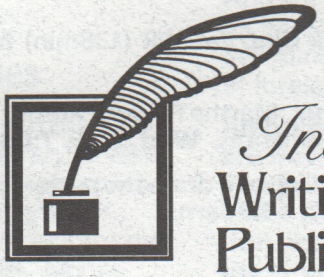
## National Library Week, April 17 - 24, 1994

**"Libraries Change Lives"** What's educational, recreational, informational, accessible and free? Your public library! Every day in more than 116,000 public, school, academic and special libraries across the nation, millions of children and adults are acquiring knowledge that changes their lives. Gloria Steinem, Sean Connery, Oprah Winfrey, Ernest and Julio Gallo, and Studs Terkel, are among the millions of people who credit the library for making a difference in their lives. Andrew Carnegie, the great library philanthropist, called libraries, "the university of the people," recognizing their role as one of society's great equalizers. Information is power, and libraries are in the business of empowerment. **Look us up!** We're "the brain of civilization." **Check us out !** We're books, videos, CD's, audio tapes, magazines, books on tape and more. And remember, on the information highway, your library is still toll free. Come in and enjoy a week of programs celebrating our "know how."



**Martha Powers**

**Elizabeth Hall**



## *Inside* Writing & Publishing March 2 - April 20

Pick up inside tips and techniques from authors, editors and publishers in this series of free seminars presented by participating libraries of the North Suburban Library System. The Morton Grove Public Library will feature three speakers in March and April. **Chris Corrado,** editor and publisher of *Fifty & Better Magazine*, a bi-monthly publication geared to mature adults, will discuss freelance **"Writing for the Magazine Market", Saturday, March 12 at 10:00am**. Romance readers and aspiring writers won't want to miss **Martha Power's** lecture on **"Writing Romance Novels", Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00pm**. Martha Powers, author of nine published Regency Romances is a member of Romance Writers of America. Science Fiction aficionados will learn more about **"Writing Science Fiction"** in **Elizabeth Hull's** seminar on **Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00pm**. Ms. Hull, professor of English and Director of the Honors Program at Harper College, writes science fiction novels and is an officer of the International Assoc. of Science Fiction Writers, World SF, and the Science Fiction Research Assoc. ***Inside Writing & Publishing*** has been offered to the writing and reading public as a series of free workshops and seminars for eight years. Brochures giving dates and locations of all the programs in this series are available at the Library.

## Women's History Month

*Chase's Annual Events* lists March as Women's History Month, National Feminine Empowerment Month, the Founding Anniversary of the Peace Corps, and Red Cross Month; in addition, March 1-7 is Return the Borrowed Books Week. Since the Library can't celebrate all of March's honorees we have chosen to focus on the contributions and achievements of women. Displays, bookmarks and bibliographies will chronicle women's history in the United States. Programs detailing the lives of women pioneers on the Oregon Trail, the mysteries of growing up Native American, the trials of living in America as a Chinese immigrant, and the experiences of an influential wife of a four-term President, will highlight the Library's tribute to women. Women artists, writers and musicians will visit the Library this month. Enjoy these programs honoring women, and check out some books on other March subjects: National "Talk With Your Teen About Sex Month," Poison Prevention Awareness Month, and National Nutrition Month. Just don't forget to return those library books for Borrowed Books Week.

**MGPL Hours**

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday (Sept.-May) 1 - 5
***Closed April 3 for Easter***

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# Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

## Calendar Summary

### March

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| 3/1 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 3/3 | Th | 7:00 | Financial Tips for Small Business Owners |
| 3/4 | Fr | 2:00 | Casimer Pulaski Day videos |
| 3/5 | Sa | 11:00 & 2:00 | Women's History Month videos |
| 3/6 | Su | 2:00 | Remembering Patsy |
| 3/8 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 3/10 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 3/11 | Fr | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 3/12 | Sa | 2:00 | *Inside W&P*: Magazine Articles |
| 3/13 | Su | 2:00 | Concert: *WomanSong* with Jenny Armstrong |
| 3/14 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:30 | Feature Film: *Joy Luck Club* R (138min) |
| 3/15 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 3/16 | Th | 7:00 | *Inside W&P*: Romance |
| 3/22 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 3/29 | Tu | 11:30 | Dramatic Presentation: *Me Eleanor* |

### April

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| 4/3 | Su | | Library Closed for Easter Holiday |
| 4/5 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 4/7 | Th | 7:00 | Diversification of Investments |
| 4/8 | Fr | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 4/11 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:30 | Feature Film: *Age of Innocence* PG (138min) |
| 4/12 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 4/14 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 4/16 | Sa | 2:00 | Speak Easy: a course in public speaking |
| 4/17 | Su | 2:00 | Concert: Lakeside Flutes |
| 4/18 | Mo | 7:00 | Consumer Beware: Reference Room Allies |
| 4/19 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 4/20 | We | 7:00 | *Inside W&P*: Sci. Fi. |
| 4/21 | Th | 2:00, & 4:00 | *Authors & Readers Together* Showcase |
| 4/22 | Fr | 11:00, 2:00 & 4:00 | Earth Day videos |
| 4/23 | Sa | 2:00 | B. Todd on Erma Bombeck |
| 4/24 | Su | 2:00 | Concert: Morton Grove Community Jazz Ensemble |
| 4/26 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |

## Special Events

## March

**Financial Tips for the Small Business Owner:** representatives from John Hancock will outline specific financial techniques for successful small business management. **Tues. 3/3, 7:00pm**

**Casimir Pulaski Day:** two videos in honor of Casimir Pulaski, a Polish Revolutionary War hero. **Fri. 3/4, 2:00pm**

**Women's History Month:** videos *As the Wind Rocks the Wagon* (52min) and *Mountain Wolf Woman* (22min) **Sat. 3/5, 11:00am & 2:00pm**

***Remembering Patsy:*** a video on Patsy Cline including 17 songs and 10 rare TV appearances. **Sun. 3/6, 2:00pm**

***Inside Writing & Publishing:*** Chris Corrado, editor of *Fifty & Better Magazine,* will talk about writing for the magazine market. **Sat. 3/12, 2:00pm**

**Concert: *WomanSong*:** Jenny Armstrong plays the banjo, fiddle, guitar and bagpipes in this performance weaving together music, poetry and stories. **Sun. 3/13 2:00pm**

**Feature Film: *The Joy Luck Club*** Rated R (138min) **Mon. 3/14, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

***Inside Writing & Publishing*:** Martha Powers, author of Regency Romance novels, will discuss writing Romances. **Wed. 3/16, 7:00pm**

***Me Eleanor*:** Marilyn Darnall gives a dramatic performance of the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. **Tues 3/29, 11:30am**

## April

**Diversification of Investments:** Lyndall Caldwell, Investment Representative with Edward D. Jones & Co., will lead this seminar. **Thur. 4/7 7:00pm**

**Feature Film: *Age of Innocence,*** Rated PG (138min) **Mon. 2/14, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**Speak Easy:** a mini course in effective public speaking lead by members of the Toastmasters Club. **Sat. 3/16, 2:00pm**

**Concert: *Lakeside Flutes*:** a dozen flutists, representing the full flute family, will play classical music arranged for flute choir. **Sun. 4/17, 2:00pm**

**Consumer Beware: Reference Room Allies:** Reference Coordinator Lesley Williams will outline various reference sources for consumer awareness and protection. **Mon 4/18, 7:00pm**

***Inside Writing & Publishing:*** Elizabeth Anne Hull, professor of English at Harper College and author of science fiction novels, will discuss writing science fiction. **Wed. 4/20, 7:00pm**

***Authors & Readers Together* Showcase:** videotaped interviews with authors who have appeared at the Morton Grove Public Library will be shown. **Thur. 4/21, 2:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Earth Day Videos:** two videos celebrating Earth Day. **Fri. 4/22, 11:00am, 2:00pm & 4:00pm**

**Barbara Todd on Erma Bombeck:** National Library Week closes with Ms. Todd, presenting her dramatic reading of Erma Bombeck's new book, *A Marriage Made in Heaven.* **Sat. 4/24, 2:00pm**

**Concert: *Morton Grove Community Jazz Ensemble*:** conductor Ron Surace leads this 20 piece jazz band. **Sun. 4/24 2:00pm**

## Programs

### Feature Films

**March: *The Joy Luck Club*** Based on Amy Tan's best selling novel, the film uses flashbacks and folktales to explore four interwoven stories about young Chinese American women and their immigrant Chinese mothers. Directed by Wayne Wang. Rated R (138min) **Mon. 3/14, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**April: *The Age of Innocence*** Martin Scorsese directs this film, based on Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize winning novel of repressed passion among New York City aristocrats in the 1870's. Daniel Day Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder star. Rated PG ( 138 min.) **Mon. 4/11, 11:00, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

### Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

### Baxter Room Art Exhibit

**March -** "Lens & Palettes," hand colored photographs of Cirque du Soleil and zoo animals by Lindsey Berkun.

**April-** fiber art from the Textile Art Center of Chicago.

### New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for coffee and conversations as we preview the latest Library acquisitions. **Fri., March 11 and Fri., April 8.**

### "It's a Small World"

The touring International Book Festival Exhibit "It's a Small World" will be on display at the Library, April 22-29. This collection features nearly 100 books from 25 countries, including illustrated children's books in foreign languages.

**All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 708-965-4220 (TDD: 965-4203)**

## Sunday Concerts & Conversations

Four music programs will be offered in March and April for the Library's Sunday concert series. Patsy Cline performs on the recent video ***Remembering Patsy***, a program highlighting the life and music of this country music star, killed at the height of her fame in March of 1963. Jenny Armstrong brings her *Song Spun Stories* to the Library with her highly acclaimed performance of ***WomanSong.*** Ms. Armstrong weaves together poetry and song with stories of people who have influenced and inspired her. Playing bagpipes, fiddle, banjo and guitar, Ms. Armstrong creates a moving musical experience. **Lakeside Flutes**, a select ensemble of talented flutists,will perform in April for the beginning of the Library's celebration of National Library Week. The ensemble of twelve flutists, representing the full flute family, will play classical music arranged for flute choir. **The Morton Grove Jazz Ensemble** gave a rousing opening to the Library's Sunday Concert series back in September. We've invited Ron Surace back to lead the Jazz Ensemble of over 20 musicians in jazz and big band selections to close out National Library Week.

**Jenny Armstrong**

## Kids Programs

The Spring session of children's classes will begin the week of March 21. Registration begins March 7 for MG residents, March 14 for non-residents.

**Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents**
Please choose one of the following:

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| Thursday | 10:30 am |
| Friday | 10:30 am |

Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

**Stories & Stuff**
Grades 1-2 Monday7:00pm
Class limit – 12

**Arts & Crafts**

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| Grades 1-3 | Monday | 4:00 pm |
| Grades 4-6 | Friday | 4:00 pm |

Class limit – 15

**Pre-School Story Hour**
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

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| Monday | 1:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | 6:45 pm |

Class limit – 30

**Creative Writing**

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| Grades 2-6 | Wed. | 4:00 pm |
| *or* | Thurs. | 4:00 pm |

Class limit - 40

### Battle of the Books

Five teams of students from East Prairie, Gemini, Golf, OLPH, and Parkview Schools are competing in Battle of the Books. Meets are held on Weds. and Thurs. at 4:00pm in the Baxter Room.

### 21st Annual Children's Art Contest

MG children, pre-school - sixth grade, are invited to submit original artwork. Ask at the Children's Desk for rules. Entries will be accepted March 1 - June 1.

### Dinosaur Derby

Stegosaurus (readers from Madison, Edison and Lincoln Schools) is in the lead. Congratulations to Glenn Yancy, on the Stegosaurus team, for being the first reader to reach 500 points

For every 25 points recorded, you may pick a prize from our dinosaur jar. The game will continue until April 29. Bring in your scoresheets and support your team. Don't let your dinosaurs become extinct!

# No New Tax Forms

The Morton Grove Public Library no longer carries Illinois Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

**Internal Revenue Service**
**8125 River Dr.**
**Suite 103**
**Northgrove Corporate Park**
**Morton Grove, IL 60053**
**(800) 829-1040**
(River Dr. is off of Lehigh, just north of Oakton.)

**Illinois Department of Revenue**
**9511 West Harrison Ave.**
**Des Plaines, IL 60016**
**(312) 814-5232 or**
**(800) 624-2459**

# Give a Gift of Yourself.

Want to help another adult improve basic reading, writing, or math skills? The Oakton District Public Library Literacy Coalition has an urgent need for volunteer tutors. If you would like to assist another adult in these areas, please call the Oakton Community College VITA program at 635-1426. For special needs tutoring of mildly retarded adults, call 635-1447.

# Reference Roundup

When I was a school-age library user, nothing intimidated me more than that forbidding, black lettered **REFERENCE** sign. It hung over the door to a mysterious room, which one dared enter only when conducting serious business. Naturally I stayed away, convinced that anything marked "Reference" would be dry, dull, and probably off-limits. Too bad. It was ages before I discovered that the Reference room is the Library's treasure chest, its "crown jewels" collection, the home of books so useful and invaluable that we can't bear to let them out of our sight for even a day. And yes, some of it is "serious" stuff, but there's so much more! Planning a winter getaway trip? Skim the ***1994 Mobil Travel Guide to California and the West*** (R 917.3 MOB). Check your knowledge of White Sox attendance figures and the perils of free agency with ***Total Baseball: The Ultimate Encyclopedia*** (R 796.3657 TOT). Track down intriguing, off-the-beaten-track cafes, galleries, and folk clubs in ***The Chicago Arts Guide*** (R700.97731 SAW). Learn to whip up vegetarian meals for your dog and safe insect repellant for your plants with ***Rodale's Book of Practical Formulas*** (R 640.41 ROD). Who knew reference could be such fun? So don't forget to browse the **New Reference Books** display for a selection of Reference "news you can use!"

-Lesley Williams, Reference Coordinator

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